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SHORT COMMUNICATION

Micropygus vagans Parent (Diptera: Dolichopodidae) still resident in Ireland.—In my recent paper (1999, *British Journal of Entomology and Natural History*, 12: 215–220) on the occurrence of this New Zealand dolichopodid in the British Isles, I cited several Irish records from the period 1971 to 1987. In September 1999, I revisited Ireland and took the opportunity to investigate the Slade of Saggart area of County Dublin where Jim O'Connor had found this fly in 1981. My visit was on 26 September and I was not expecting to find this species, as the record from here on 7 August was the latest date on which *M. vagans* had been recorded in the British Isles. The previous record of *M. vagans* from this area was from the vicinity of the stream in the valley, so I was surprised to find a single male in my catch from a track through conifer plantations on Lugg Hill (O0324), which rises above the valley to the west and is situated on the northern edge of the Dublin Mountains, providing an extensive view of the city. Unfortunately the fly was not recognised in the field so the precise location of the find was not recorded.

The main purpose of my visit was to determine accessions of Diptera in the collections of the National Museum, Dublin and I can also report a further Irish record of *M. vagans*. This was of a single female from Malahide Castle, County Dublin (O0220453) taken on the even later date of 13 October 1985 by J. P. and M. A. O'Connor. This locality is on the coast to the north of Dublin, not far from my earlier finds at Howth and provides confirmation that *M. vagans* is well established in the Dublin area.—PETER J. CHANDLER, 43 Eastfield Road, Burnham, Slough, Berks SL1 7EL

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